

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Congressman Charlie Wilson Announces Recovery Funding Headed to Steubenville

Washington, DC- Monday, Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) announced that \$199,714 will be allocated from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the City of Steubenville from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and that \$12,957,517 will be allocated to the state of Ohio to communities on a competitive basis. CDBG funding allows local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities.

"Just a couple weeks after I voted for the economic recovery package, we are already seeing funds flow directly to local communities," Wilson said. "The goal was to get the money out rapidly, through existing formulas and programs, so that jobs can be created or saved as quickly as possible."

Under the Recovery Act, cities like Steubenville will give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement. Localities that do not receive formula funds, like Steubenville has, can apply through HUD to receive money from the \$12,957,517 that is still available. The application process will mirror the usual process for receiving CDBG funds.

Congressman Wilson will be working with local government officials to ensure that economic recovery funds get to southeastern Ohio as soon as possible.

In addition to these funds, Sixth district residents should see other benefits from the Recovery Act shortly. The Obama Administration announced that by April 1st, 95% of Americans will see their paychecks go up because the withholding taxes will go down. In addition, soon after the bill was signed into law, the federal government sent \$15 billion to the states to help with health care for children and seniors.